



UTAH DEPARTMENT *of*
ENVIRONMENTAL
QUALITY

NRAEQ APPROPRIATIONS **SUBCOMMITTEE** 2022



Safeguarding and improving Utah's air, land and water through balanced regulation.



AIR QUALITY



DRINKING WATER



**ENVIRONMENTAL RESPONSE
& REMEDIATION**



**WASTE MANAGEMENT
& RADIATION CONTROL**



WATER QUALITY

What We Do.



Manage the restoration of contaminated land for development



Improve air quality



Oversee the management of hazardous waste & radioactive materials



Ensure safe, reliable drinking water



Enhance quality of surface and groundwater

2021 Successes

DEQ Turns 30

Established in 1991, we celebrated our 30th Anniversary as a Department.

ARPA Funding

Worked with partners to ensure ARPA funding eligibility.

2021 Successes



Air



Electrifying Lawns

Provided 2,500 incentives to switch to electric lawnmowers.

Reduced VOC Emissions

Increased oil field tank battery inspections by 62% through efficiencies.



Land



Convention Hotel Redevelopment

Enforceable Written Assurance and cleanup for the Salt Lake Hyatt Regency.

E-cig Waste Disposal

Outreach and guidance for schools and retailers.

2021 Successes



Water

Drought Assistance

Emergency support for drinking water systems during drought.

Integrated Report

In-depth report on health of Utah's waters submitted to EPA.

Customer Service & Partnership

Improving outcomes through collaboration and stakeholder engagement



**Water Action
Plan**



**Agriculture
Voluntary
Incentive Program**



**Utah Lake HABs
Treatment**



**Free Fare
Days**

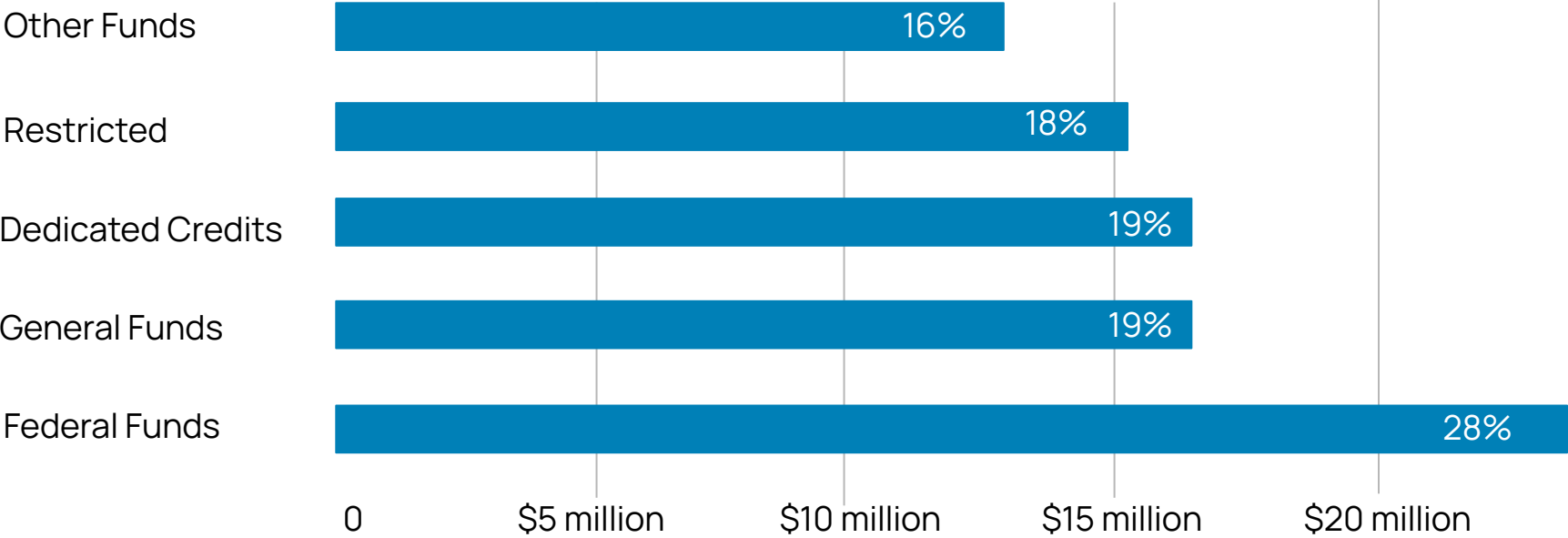
Funding

DEQ BUDGET

\$86,784,700

DEQ NON-LAPSING

\$17,295,200



37%
Air Quality



19%
Drinking Water



12%
Environmental Response and Remediation



7%
Executive Director



15%
Waste Management and Radiation Control



19%
Water Quality



Compensation Funding Gap

\$1 million +
ongoing funding gap

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Federally funded
positions not included
in COLA increases

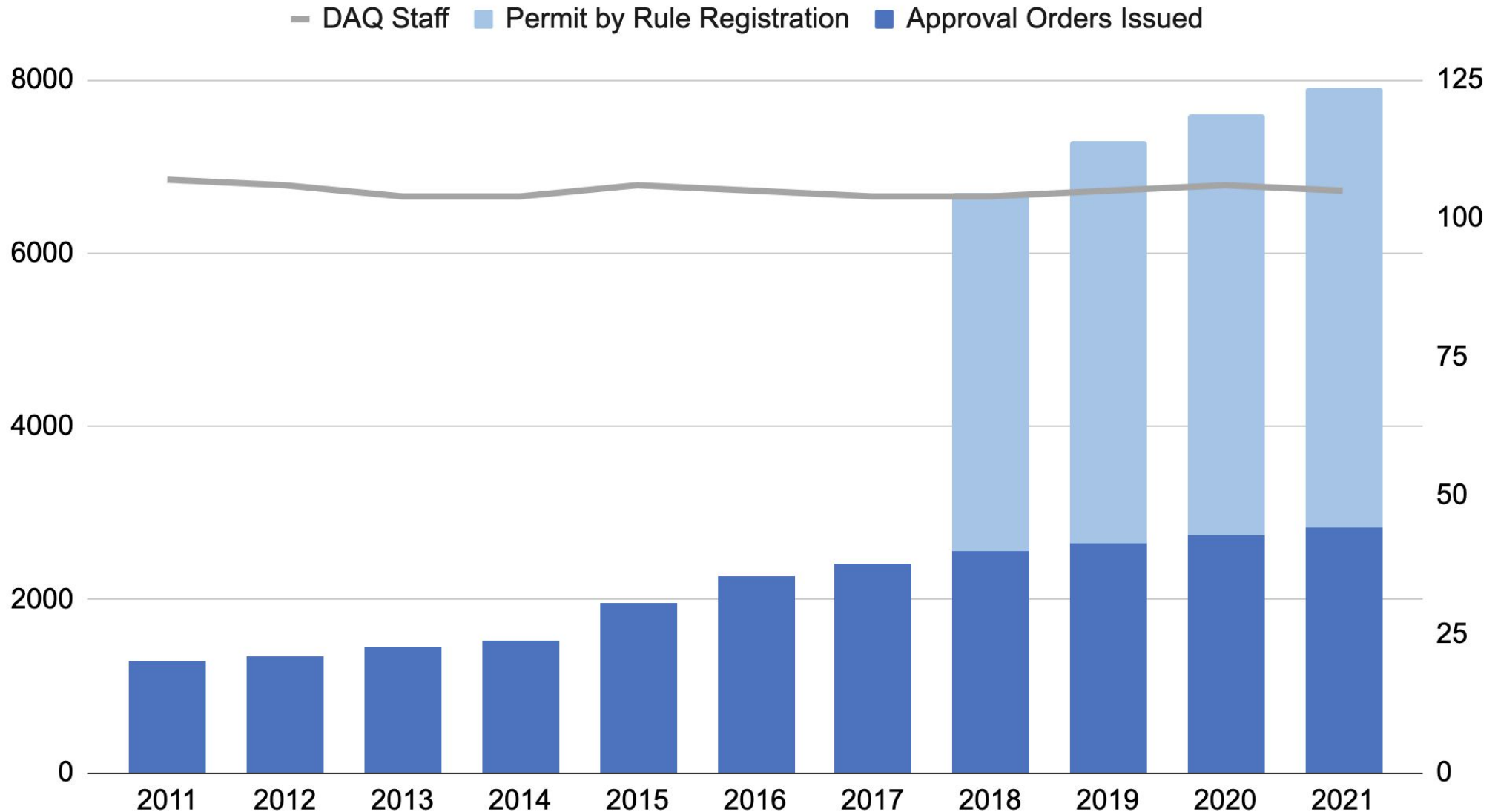
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Absorbed through
attrition; creating
staffing shortages

3

Reduced ability to
retain highly-skilled
scientists and
engineers

Permitting Workload and FTEs



Future Challenges

Drought &
Wildfires



Population
Growth



Aging
Infrastructure





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